

**Minutes of the
Oglethorpe County Library
Board of Trustees
July 18, 2006**

*approved
10-17-06*

Attending: Chair, Howard Shapiro, Brenda Yeany, Mary Ann Crawford, Tom Gresham, Tricia Mathis, Sam Nash, Greg Jones, Howard Shapiro, Branch Liaison Judy Atwood, ARLS Director Kathryn Ames, Branch Manager Janet Burroughs

Called to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Howard Shapiro

Friends of the Library Report: Greg Jones reports that the Friends are planning to host the Athens Regional Library Board meeting on Thursday, July 20. In addition to refreshments, home-made jam from "The Vineyard" and a granite paper weight will be given to each regional board member.

The Friends have also agreed to fund the purchase or lease of a new photocopier. Pam Blake has investigating prices. Peggy Hroma will contact Tom Hogan to see if he will submit a bid. Mary Ann Crawford will investigate to see who carries the contracts for Board of Education and County office copiers.

Branch Managers Report: see white hand-out

Financial Reports: Kathryn Ames reports that Oglethorpe County Library finances are in dire straits for the upcoming fiscal year. The library fails to meet operating expenses by \$5000.00. A possible solution to this problem is to close the library on Fridays. Also the Auditors red flagged our use of reserve funds for this past year.

Mary Ann Crawford made a motion, 2nd by Greg Jones that the Library Board members go as a group to the next Board of Commissioners meeting to express the needs for funding. A special called meeting will be held August 1 at 4:00pm to make plans in approaching the Board of Commissioners.

After much discussion of the financial situation, the Library Board voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted:

Janet A. Burroughs, Acting Secretary
Branch Manager

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October 17, 2006**

*Presented @
1-16-07 meeting
but not voted
on for approval.
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Attending: Chair, Howard Shapiro, Barbara Davenport, Jodi Higgins, Mary Ann Crawford, Greg Jones, Tom Gresham, Peggy Hroma, Tricia Mathis, and Tim Andrews
ARLS Director: Kathy Ames, Branch Coordinator: Judy Atwood and Branch Manager: Jan Burroughs.

Called to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Howard Shapiro

Motion to approve agenda was made by Greg Jones, 2nd by Peggy Hroma.

Friends of the Library Report: Upcoming book sale and Lease of New copier.

Minutes from July meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion made by Tom Gresham, 2nd by Greg Jones.

Branch Managers Report: see white hand-out

Regional Reports:

Kathy Ames

- Oglethorpe should be receiving computers from the Gates Foundation to replace some of our older public computers.
- A "Write Your Own Technology Grant" will be written for new staff computers.
- Digital Library or Georgia – Home Place – headed by Ed Johnson is looking for things to add to the collection. Board member suggestions are encouraged as to who might have things of interest that could be photographed or scanned for the project. Roddy Studivant's Indian artifacts and Cliff Brooks' photos of are suggested.
- LSTA Grant for Family Literacy – GA legislature voted for a one time \$2 million dollar increase. This will result in approximately \$0.18 being added to the current \$0.35 per capita allotment for book purchases.
- Local READ posters are being developed.

Judy Atwood

- Evergreen has re-opened cataloging so new books should be gin to show up on the shelves soon.
- Friends of Georgia Libraries will be conducting a meeting soon. Sally Reid the FOLUSA president will be the presenter.

Financial Report

We should be at 25% of our income. We did not receive an increase for the BOC as we had hoped. Our use of reserve funds will help us limp along; however, we will not have that to fall back on in the future.

A motion was made by Peggy Hroma 2nd by MaryAnn Crawford that we increase the copier fee from \$0.10 to \$0.20 per copy. Vote was unanimous to raise price.

An hour by hour count will be conducted to discover out peak time of use.

Respectfully submitted:

Janet A. Burroughs, Acting Secretary
Branch Manager